

Information Sheet – Road Train Speed Limits – Including B-triples

Purpose

This information sheet outlines the speed limits imposed on road trains (including B-triples) in all jurisdictions in Australia.

What is a road train?

A road train means –

- a) a B-triple; or
- b) a combination, other than a B-double, consisting of a motor vehicle towing at least 2 trailers, excluding any converter dolly supporting a semitrailer.



Figure 1 Portal image of a B-triple road train

Background

Regulation for roads rules (such as speed limits), licensing and registration are a state and territory government responsibility. The Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) does not provide the National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) the power to exempt an operator from complying with the road rules.

Some of the content in this information sheet has been sourced from state and territory governments and was correct at the time of publication.

To confirm up-to-date information on road rules, please contact the relevant state or territory road authority (see Table 1).

Vehicle speed limiting road trains

The *Heavy Vehicle (Vehicle Standards) National Regulation* requires that a speed limiting device is fitted on prime movers used in a road train combination that limits their speed to a maximum of 100 km/h.

However, the maximum speed a road train may travel at is determined by the State or Territory Road Authority.

Table 1 provides maximum speed limits in each jurisdiction.

Signposted speed limits

Road trains must not exceed a posted speed limit applying on a given road.

Road trains must obey the **lesser** of the signposted speed limit and the maximum speed permitted for road trains in each state or territory road authority (see overleaf).

Operation under a notice

New South Wales and Victoria apply speed restrictions for road trains in the *National Class 2 Road Train Operator's Guide*. The maximum permitted road speed in both States is **90km/h**.

All other State and territory authorities apply maximum road train speed limits under road rules or state and territory legislation.

Operators of road trains operating under a Notice must comply with the conditions of operation listed in the Notice and operators guide.

Operating under a permit

A road manager or road authority can specify speed restrictions in a heavy vehicle access permit.

Operators must comply with the conditions of the permit and not exceed the **lesser** of the posted speed limit and the maximum speed limits specified in the permit.

State and territory speed limits

Table 1 provides an overview of the maximum permitted road train speed limits across each jurisdiction.

Table 1 Road train (including B-triples) maximum speed limits

State or territory	Maximum speed limit for road trains #	Publication	Contact details
NSW	90km/h	<i>National Class 2 Road Train Operator's Guide</i>	Contact Roads and Maritime Services Transport for NSW Road Rules webpage
QLD	90km/h (Including B-triples)	<i>Transport Operations (Road Use Management – Road Rules) Regulation 2009,</i>	Contact Transport and Main Roads Queensland Road Rules webpage
NT	100km/h For a vehicle which meets the description under the regulation 32 of the <i>Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations 2003</i>	<i>Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations Australian Vehicle Standard Rules</i>	Contact the Northern Territory Government
	90km/h A road train that does not comply with the regulation 32 of the <i>Motor Vehicles (Standards) Regulations 2003</i>	<i>Traffic Regulations, Schedule 3 – Australian Road Rules 1999</i>	Northern Territory Road Rules
SA	100km/h On the Eyre Highway, West of Port Augusta and Stuart Highway, North of Port Augusta.	<i>South Australian Road Traffic (Road Rules – Ancillary and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2014.</i>	Contact DPTI
	90km/h On any other road in SA		South Australian Road Rules South Australian Speed limits
VIC	90km/h Road trains are limited to the Victoria speed limit of 90km/h under the Victorian policy - <i>Road train network in the north west.</i>	Victoria's Road Train Network Information Sheet June 2020 <i>National Class 2 Road Train Operator's Guide</i>	Contact Department of Transport Victoria Victorian Road Rules
WA	100km/h or as stipulated on the authorised network	<i>Road Traffic Code 2000</i>	Contact Department of Transport Western Australia WA Heavy Vehicle Driver – Tips & Guide

Except where a traffic sign indicates a lower speed limit or a lesser speed limit is listed on a permit.

For more information:

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